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informal matey, decent; N Amer: informal clubby, buddy buddy; *are* conversable.  
**DANTONYMS** unfriendly, prickly.

- affair** noun 1 what my mum does in her spare time is her affair: business, concern, matter, responsibility, province, preserve, interest; problem, worry, lookout: informal pigeon, funeral, headache, baby, bailiwick.  
 2 (affairs) they aren't worried about their financial affairs: transactions, concerns, matters, activities, dealings, undertakings, ventures, proceedings; business, field, sphere; informal goings-on, doings.  
 3 this is a truly shocking affair: event, incident, happening, occurrence, phenomenon, eventuality, episode, interlude, circumstance, set of circumstances, adventure, experience, case, matter, business, thing, proceeding.  
 4 I heard there were to be fireworks—it'll be a grand affair: party, celebration, function, reception, gathering, soirée, event, social event, occasion, social occasion: informal do, rave, bash, get-together, blowout; Brit: informal rave up, thrash, knees up, beanfeast, beano, bunfight, jolly.  
 5 the director and his secretary were having an affair: relationship, love affair, romance, fling, flirtation, dalliance, liaison, entanglement, romantic entanglement, involvement, attachment, affair of the heart, intrigue; relations; French affaire, affaire de/du cœur, amour; informal hanky-panky; Brit: informal carry on.

**affect<sup>1</sup>** verb 1 the climate was likely to be affected by greenhouse gas emissions: influence, exert influence on, have an effect on, act on, work on, condition, touch, have an impact on, impact on, take hold of, attack, infect, strike, strike at, hit; change, alter, modify, transform, form, shape, control, govern, determine, decide, guide, sway, bias.  
**DANTONYMS** be unaffected.

2 she had been deeply affected by her parents' divorce: upset, trouble, hit hard, overwhelm, devastate, damage, hurt, pain, grieve, sadden, distress, disturb, perturb, agitate, shake, shake up, stir, move, touch, tug at someone's heartstrings; make an impression on; informal knock for six, knock back, bowl over, throw, faze, get to.  
**DANTONYMS** be unaffected, be indifferent to.

**affect<sup>2</sup>** verb 1 he deliberately affected a republican stance: assume, put on, take on, adopt, like, have a liking for, embrace, espouse.  
 2 she affected a small frown of concentration: pretend, feign, fake, counterfeit, sham, simulate, fabricate, give the appearance of, make a show of, make a pretence of, play at, go through the motions of; informal put on; N Amer: informal make like.

### Easily confused words affect or effect?

**Affect** and **effect** are quite different in meaning, though frequently confused. **Affect** is primarily a verb meaning either 'make a difference to', as in their need not affect their career (**affect<sup>1</sup>**), or 'pretend to have or feel', as in I affected a supreme unconcern (**affect<sup>2</sup>**). **Effect**, on the other hand, is commonly used both as a noun and as a verb, meaning 'something brought about' as a noun (move the cursor until you get the effect you want) or 'bring about [a result]' as a verb (growth in the economy can only be effected by stringent economic controls).

**affection** noun 1 she has no affection | the affections of a prima donna: pretension, pretentiousness, affectedness, artificiality, insincerity, posturing, posing, pretence, ostentation, grandiosity, snobbery, superciliousness; airs, airs and graces, pretensions; informal snootiness, uppishness, humbug; Brit: informal side.

**DANTONYMS** naturalness.  
 2 nothing would shake his affection of calm: facade, front, show, appearance, false display, pretence, simulation, posture, pose, sham, fake, act, masquerade, charade, mask, cloak, veil, veneer, guise; make believe, play acting, feigning, shamming.

**affected** adjective he was talking in the rather affected boor he used with strangers: pretentious, high flown, ostentatious, pompous, grandiose, over elaborate, overblown, overworked, overdone; contrived, forced, laboured, strained, stiff, posed, stagy, studied, mannered, hollow, insincere, unconvincing; artificial, unnatural, assumed, pretended, feigned, false, fake, faked, counterfeit, sham, simulated, spurious, pseudo, mock, imitation; informal la di da, hoity toity, highfalutin, fancy pants, posy, pseud, phoney, pretend, put on; Brit: informal posh, posy, toffie nosed.  
**DANTONYMS** natural, unpretentious, genuine.

**affecting** adjective their fumbling onstage shyness is oddly affecting: touching, moving, emotive, powerful, stirring, impressive, telling, soul stirring, uplifting, heart warming; poignant, pathetic, pitiful, piteous, plaintive, emotional, tear jerking, heart rending, heartbreaking, disturbing, distressing, upsetting, saddening, sad, painful, agonizing, harrowing, tragic, haunting.  
**DANTONYMS** unaffected, unmoving.

### Choose the right word: affecting, moving, touching

See **moving**.

**affection** noun they greeted each other with obvious affection: fondness, love, liking, endearment, feeling, sentiment, tenderness, warmth, warmth, devotion, care, caring, attentiveness, closeness, attachment, affinity, friendliness, friendship, intimacy, familiarity, amity, favour, regard, respect, admiration, warm feelings.

**affectionate** adjective an affectionate hug | Thomas is such an affectionate child: loving, fond, adoring, devoted, caring, doting, tender, warm, warm-hearted, big-hearted, soft centred, soft hearted, soft, unselfish, kind, kind hearted, kindly, comforting; sympathetic, solicitous, supportive, attentive, friendly, demonstrative, cuddly, amicable, cordial, welcoming, good natured; brotherly, sisterly, motherly, fatherly, maternal, paternal, maternalistic, paternalistic, informal touchy feely, lovey dovey, chummy, pally; Brit: informal matey; N Amer: informal buddy-buddy.  
**DANTONYMS** cold, unfeeling.

**affianced** adjective Edward was affianced to Lady Eleanor. See **engaged** (sense 2)

**affiliate** verb the college is affiliated with the University of Wisconsin | the society is not affiliated to any political party: associate with, be in league with, unite with, combine with, join with, join up with, join forces with, ally with, form an alliance with, align with, amalgamate with, merge with, coalesce with, federate with, confederate with, form a federation with, form a confederation with, team up with, band together with, cooperate with; annex to, attach to, yoke to, incorporate into, integrate into.

**affiliated** adjective the committee comprised two delegates from each affiliated club: associated, allied, related, integrated, amalgamated, incorporated, federated, confederated, unified, connected, linked, joined, bound, belonging; in league, in partnership

**affiliation** noun it rejected affiliation to the current left wing parties | an economist with no party political affiliation: annexing, attaching, connecting, joining, bonding, uniting, combining, associating, aligning, allying, amalgamation, amalgamating, merging, incorporation, incorporating, integration, integrating, federating, federation, confederating, confederation, coupling, fusion; connection, relationship, fellowship, partnership, association, coalition, union, alliance, alignment, attachment, link, bond, tie, yoke; communication, rapport, sympathy, cooperation, collaboration, belonging; see consociation.

**affinity** noun 1 she has a natural affinity with animals and birds: empathy, rapport, sympathy, accord, harmony, like mindedness, closeness to, fellow feeling for, understanding of; liking for, fondness for, inclination towards, partiality for, penchant for, predilection towards, attraction towards; informal chemistry.

**DANTONYMS** dislike, aversion.  
 2 there is a semantic affinity between the two words: similarity, resemblance, likeness, kinship, correspondence, relationship, association, link, analogy, similitude, agreement, compatibility, congruity, parallelism, consonance; identity, identicalness, uniformity, equivalence.

**DANTONYMS** dissimilitude.  
 3 despite their different backgrounds, an affinity grew and developed: relationship, bond, connection, propinquity.  
**DANTONYMS** antipathy, blood relationship.

**affirm** verb 1 he affirmed that they would lend military assistance: declare, state, assert, aver, proclaim, pronounce, attest, swear, avow, vow, guarantee, promise, certify, pledge, give one's word, give an undertaking; see asseverate  
**DANTONYMS** deny.

2 the charter affirmed the right of national minorities to use their own language: uphold, support, defend, maintain, confirm, ratify, endorse, approve (of), agree to, consent to, assent to, sanction.

**affirmation** noun 1 an affirmation of faith: assertion, declaration, statement, proclamation, pronouncement, attestation, assurance; oath, vow, swearing, avowal, guarantee, promise, certification, pledge; deposition; see asseveration, averment.  
**DANTONYMS** denial, refutation.

2 the poem ends with an affirmation of pastoral values: confirmation, ratification, endorsement, defence.

**affirmative** adjective an affirmative answer: positive, assenting, consenting, agreeing, concurring, corroborative, favourable, approving, encouraging, supportive, in the affirmative.  
**DANTONYMS** dissenting, negative.

► noun Penelope took his grant as an affirmative: agreement, acceptance, approval, confirmation, assent, ratification, acquiescence, concurrence; OK, yes.  
**DANTONYMS** disagreement.

**affix** verb 1 he affixed a stamp to the envelope: attach, stick, fasten, bind, fix, post, secure, join, connect, couple; clip, tack, pin; glue, paste, gum, tape; trademark Sellotape.  
**DANTONYMS** detach, remove.

2 formal affix your signature to the document: append, add, add on, attach.

**afflict** verb he was afflicted with chilblains: trouble, bother, burden, distress, cause trouble to, cause suffering to, beset, harass, worry, oppress,

**affix** **verb** **1** *he affixed a stamp to the envelope:* attach, stick, fasten, bind, fix, post, secure, join, connect, couple; clip, tack, pin; glue, paste, gum, tape; trademark Sellotape.

► **ANTONYMS** detach, remove.

**2** formal *affix your signature to the document:* append, add, add on, attach.

**atom | attain**

**atom** noun *they build tiny circuits atom by atom* | *there wasn't an atom of truth in the allegations*: particle, molecule, bit, little bit, tiny bit, tiny piece, fragment, fraction, grain, granule, crumb, morsel, mite, mote, speck, spot, dot; iota, jot, whit, scrap, shred, trace, tinge, ounce, modicum, scintilla, vestige; *informal smidgen, smidge, tad; aha! scantling, scruple.*

**atone** verb *what would you have me do to atone for my sin?* make amends, make reparation, make restitution, make recompense, make redress, make up for, compensate, pay, pay the penalty, pay the price, recompense, answer; expiate, make good, offset; do penance, redeem oneself, redress the balance; *luma require*.

**atonement** noun *I was making a pilgrimage in atonement for my sins.* reparation, compensation, recompense, payment, repayment, redress, restitution, indemnity, indemnification, expiation, penance, redemption; amends; *informal requital; see solatium.*

**atrocious** adjective **1** *atrocious cruelties were committed in the name of religion*: brutal, barbaric, barbarous, brutish, savage, vicious, wicked, cruel, nasty, ruthless, merciless, villainous, murderous, heinous, nefarious, monstrous, base, low, low down, vile, inhuman, infernal, dark, black, black hearted, fiendish, hellish, diabolical, ghastly, horrible, abominable, outrageous, offensive, hateful, disgusting, despicable, contemptible, loathsome, odious, revolting, repellent, repugnant, abhorrent, harrowing, nightmarish, gruesome, grisly, sickening, nauseating, horrifying, hideous, unspeakable, unforgivable, intolerable, beyond the pale, scandalous, flagrant, execrable; *informal horrid, gross, sick-making, sick; Brit. informal beastly; aha! disgusting, loathly, scurvy; see egregious, flagitious, cacodemonic, tacitorous.*

►**ANTONYM** admirable; kindly

**2** *the weather was atrocious*: appalling, dreadful, terrible, very bad, unpleasant, lamentable, woeful, miserable, poor, inadequate, unsatisfactory, *informal abysmal, dire, rotten, crummy, lousy, poxy, yucky, God awful, the pits; Brit. informal shocking, duff, beastly, chronic, pants, a load of pants, rubbish, rubbushy, ropy, vulgar slang crap, crappy, chickenshit; aha! direful.*

►**ANTONYM** superb

**atrocity** noun **1** *press reports detailed a number of atrocities*: act of barbarity, act of brutality, act of savagery, act of wickedness, cruelty, abomination, enormity, outrage, horror, monstrosity, obscenity, iniquity, violation, crime, transgression, wrong, wrongdoing, offence, injury, affront, scandal, injustice, abuse; *see malfeasance, tort.*

**2** *he observed conflict and atrocity around the globe*: barbarity, barbarism, brutality, savagery, inhumanity, cruelty, wickedness, badness, baseness, evil, iniquity, horror, heinousness, villainy, lawlessness, crime, transgression, wrong, wrongdoing, injustice, abuse; *see malfeasance; note malefaction.*

**atrophy** verb **1** *the body parts which are no longer required gradually atrophy*: waste away, waste, become emaciated, wither, shrivel, shrivel up, shrink, become shrunken, dry up, decay, wilt; decline, deteriorate, degenerate, grow weak, weaken, become debilitated, become enfeebled.

►**ANTONYM** strengthen

**2** *in the final few days, the Labour campaign atrophied*: peter out, taper off, tail off, dwindle, deteriorate, decline, wane, fade, fade away, fade out, give in, give up, give way, crumble, disintegrate, collapse, slump, go downhill, draw to a close, subside; be neglected, be abandoned, be disregarded, be forgotten.

►**ANTONYM** flourish.

►**noun** *they located the gene that causes muscular atrophy*: wasting, wasting away, emaciation, withering, shrivelling, shrivelling up, shrinking, drying up, wilting, decaying, decay; declining, deteriorating, deterioration, degenerating, degeneration, weakening, debilitation, enfeeblement.

►**ANTONYM** strengthening.

**attach** verb **1** *his ankles were attached by chains to the wall*: fasten, fix, affix, join, connect, couple, link, secure, make fast, tie, tie up, bind, fetter, strap, rope, tether, truss, lash, hutch, moor, anchor, yoke, chain; stick, tape, adhere, glue, bond, cement, fuse, weld, solder, pin, peg, screw, bolt, rivet, batten, pinion, clamp, clip, add, append, annex, subjoin.

►**ANTONYM** detach

**2** *he attached himself to the radical section of the Liberal Party*: affiliate with, associate with, align with, ally with, unite with, combine with, integrate into, join to; join up with, join forces with, band together with, team up with, latch on to, cooperate with, be in league with, form an alliance with, make a pact with; *informal tag along with.*

►**ANTONYM** break away from.

**3** *they attached great importance to research*: ascribe, assign, attribute, credit, apply, impute, invest with, put on, place on, lay on.

**4** *he is the medical officer attached to Brigade Headquarters*: assign, allot, allocate, detail, appoint; relocate, reassigned, transfer, move, send, second, lend.

►**ANTONYM** separate.

**5** *the state attacked criminals' property*: seize, confiscate, commandeer, requisition, appropriate, expropriate, take possession of, take away, take, sequester, sequestrate; *see distraint, disseize; Scotch see pound.*

**attached** adjective **1** *the young couple are now attached*: married, wedded, joined in marriage, joined in matrimony, united in wedlock, engaged, affianced, pledged, promised, promised in marriage, going out, spoken for, involved; united, bound, contracted; *informal hitched, spliced, yoked, shackled, going steady, boyfriend and girlfriend; dated betrothed; archaic espoused, plighted.*

►**ANTONYM** unattached, single.

**2** *she was very attached to her brother*: fond of, devoted to, full of regard for, full of admiration for; affectionate towards, tender towards, caring towards; *informal mad about, crazy about, nuts about.*

**attachment** noun **1** *he had a strong attachment to his mother*: bond, closeness, devotion, loyalty; *fondness for*, love for, liking for, affection for, affinity for, tenderness for, feeling for, sentiment for, regard for, respect for, admiration for, reverence for; relationship with, friendship with, intimacy with.

**2** *the shower had a soothing massage attachment*: accessory, fitting, fitment, extension, supplementary part, supplementary component, extra, extra part, adjunct, addition, add-on, appurtenance, appendage, accoutrement, auxiliary.

**3** *all cars have points for the attachment of safety restraints*: fixing, fastening, affixing, linking, coupling, clamping, connection, connecting, addition, adding, incorporation, introduction, insertion.

**4** *he was on attachment from another regiment*: assignment, detail, appointment, allocation, secondment, transfer, relocation.

**5** *he maintained his family's Conservative attachment*: affiliation, association, alliance, alignment, union, bond, liaison, coalition, partnership, fellowship, belonging; links, ties, connections, sympathies.

**6** *has the attachment of criminals' property*: seizure, confiscation, appropriation, expropriation, sequestration, taking away, commandeering; *see distraint, disseize; Scotch see pound.*

**attack** verb **1** *Christopher had been brutally attacked*: assault, beat, beat up, batter, thrash, pound, pummel, assail, set upon, fall upon, set about, strike at, let fly at, tear into, lash out at; ambush, mug, pounce on; *informal jump, paste, do over, work over, knock about; around, rough up, lay into, lace into, sail into, pitch into, get stuck into, beat the living daylights out of, let someone have it; Brit. informal have a go at, duff someone up, % Amer. informal beat up on, light into.*

**2** *by eight o'clock the French had still not attacked*: begin an assault, charge, pounce, strike, begin hostilities, ambush; bombard, shell, blitz, strafe, fire on/at; rush, storm.

►**ANTONYM** defend

**3** *the clergy have consistently attacked government policies*: criticize, censure, condemn, castigate, chastise, lambaste, pillory, savage, find fault with, fulminate against, abuse; berate, reprove, rebuke, reprimand, admonish, remonstrate with, reproach, take to task, haul over the coals, impugn, harangue, blame, revile, vilify, give someone a bad press; *informal knock, slam, take to pieces, pull apart, crucify, bash, hammer, lay into, tear into, sail into, roast, give someone a roasting, cane, blast, bawl out, dress down, rap over the knuckles, have a go at, give someone hell; Brit. informal carpet, slate, slag off, rubbish, monster, rollick, give someone a rollicking, give someone a rocket, tear someone off a strip, tear a strip off someone; % Amer. informal chew out, ream out, pummel, cut up; Austral / NZ. informal bag; Brit. vulgar slang hollark, give someone a bollocking; dined rate; aha! slash; see excoriate, objurgate, reprehend.*

►**ANTONYM** praise

**4** *they have started to attack the problem of threatened species*: attend to, address, see to, deal with, grapple with, confront, direct one's attention to, focus on, concentrate on, apply oneself to; buckle down to, get to work on, go to work on, set to work on, set about, get started on, undertake, embark on; *informal get stuck into, get cracking on, get weaving on, have a crack at, have a go at, have a shot at, have a stab at.*

**5** *the virus attacks the liver, heart, and lungs*: affect, have an effect on, strike, strike at, take hold of, infect; *damage, injure.*

►**ANTONYM** protect

**► noun** **1** *they were killed in an attack on their home*: assault, onslaught, offensive, strike, blitz, raid, sortie, sally, storming, charge, rush, drive, push, thrust, invasion, incursion, inroad; act of aggression; *informal razza; aha! onset.*

**2** *she wrote a ferociously hostile attack on him*: criticism, censure, rebuke, admonition, admonishment, reprimand, reproof; condemnation, denunciation, revilement; invective, vilification; tirade, diatribe, rant, polemic, broadside, harangue, verbal onslaught, stricture; *informal knocking, telling off, dressing down, rap over the knuckles, earful, roasting, rollicking, caning; Brit. informal rocket, wagging, slating, ticking off, carpeting, bashing, blast; Brit. vulgar slang bollocking; dined rating; see philippic.*

►**ANTONYM** commendation, defence

**3** *she had suffered an acute asthmatic attack*: fit, seizure, spasm, convulsion, paroxysm, outburst, flare-up, bout, spell, dose; *see access.*

**attacker** noun *she was punched in the face by the attacker*: assailant, assaulter, aggressor, striker, mugger, rapist, killer, murderer; *informal slasher*

**attain** verb *they help the child attain his or her full potential*: achieve, accomplish, reach, arrive at, come by, obtain, gain, procure, secure, get,

**attach** **verb** **1** *his ankles were attached by chains to the wall:* fasten, fix, affix, join, connect, couple, link, secure, make fast, tie, tie up, bind, fetter, strap, rope, tether, truss, lash, hitch, moor, anchor, yoke, chain; stick, tape, adhere, glue, bond, cement, fuse, weld, solder; pin, peg, screw, bolt, rivet, batten, pinion, clamp, clip; add, append, annex, subjoin.

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bursting, crammed full, cram full, thronged, packed, jammed, teeming, swarming, overloaded, obstructed, impeded, blocked (up), clogged, choked, plugged, stopped up; *informal* snarled up, gridlocked, jam-packed; *Brit. informal* like Piccadilly Circus.

►**ANTONYMS** clear.

**congestion** noun *an attempt to relieve some of the congestion on the roads:* crowding, overcrowding, obstruction, blockage, stoppage, blocking, clogging, choking, plugging, stuffing, traffic jam, bottleneck; *informal* snarl up, gridlock.

►**ANTONYMS** flow.

**conglomerate** noun 1 *the conglomerate was broken up:* corporation, combine, group, grouping, consortium, partnership, joint concern, trust, merger, merged firms, companies/businesses; firm, company, business, multinational; *Japanese zaibatsu*

2 *Austria-Hungary was a conglomerate of disparate peoples:* mixture, mix, combination, mingling, commingling, amalgamation, amalgam, union, conjunction, marriage, merging, compound, alloy, fusion, meld, composite, concoction, synthesis, homogenization; *miscellaneous, jumble, hotchpotch; informal* mash up.

3 *Geology, a rocky conglomerate:* aggregate, agglomerate.

►**adjective** a conglomerate mass: aggregate, agglomerate, amassed, gathered, clustered, combined.

►**verb** *the debris then conglomerated into planets:* coalesce, unite, join together, combine, merge, fuse, consolidate, amalgamate, integrate, mingle, mold, blend, intermingle, knit (together), link up, converge, come together; *informal* commingle.

►**ANTONYMS** split up.

**conglomeration** noun *an extremely odd conglomeration of church buildings:* collection, cluster, assortment, mix, variety, medley, mixed bag, pot pourri, miscellaneous, selection, combination; accumulation, mass, gathering, cumulation, package, aggregation, accretion, agglomerate, agglomeration; *informal* amassment.

**congratulate** verb 1 *she took the opportunity to congratulate Nicholas on his marriage:* give someone one's good wishes, wish someone good luck, wish someone joy, drink someone's health, toast, drink (a toast) to.

►**ANTONYMS** curse.

2 *all three are to be congratulated for passing with flying colours:* praise, commend, applaud, salute, honour, eulogize, extol, acclaim, sing the praises of, heap praise on, pay tribute to, speak highly/well of, flatter, compliment, say nice things about, express admiration for, wax lyrical about, make much of, pat on the back, take one's hat off to, throw bouquets at; *informal* crack someone/something up; *Amer. informal* ballyhoo; *black English* big someone/something up; *UK* cry someone/something up; *archaic* emblazon; *see laud, panegyric, felicitate.*

►**ANTONYMS** criticize.

3 **congratulate oneself** *be congratulated himself on his success:* take pride in, be/feel proud of, feel proud about, be proud of oneself for, flatter oneself on, pat oneself on, pat oneself on the back for, give oneself a pat on the back for; *find/take satisfaction in*, feel satisfaction at, take delight in, find/take pleasure in, glory in, bask in, delight in, exult in, plume oneself on; *archaic* pique oneself on/in.

►**ANTONYMS** be ashamed of.

**congratulations** plural noun 1 *Lily and Stephen accepted Mariel's congratulations on their wedding:* good wishes, best wishes, greetings, compliments, felicitations.

2 *you all deserve congratulations for ensuring that the visit was such a success:* praise, commendation, applause, salutes, honour, acclaim, acclamation, tribute, cheers, ovation, accolade, plaudits, felicitations; approval, admiration, approbation, compliments, kudos, adulration, homage; a pat on the back, eulogy, encomium, panegyric, bouquets, laurels, testimonial; *see exultation, laudation, eulogium.*

►**ANTONYMS** blame.

**congregate** verb *some 4000 demonstrators had congregated at a border point:* assemble, gather, collect, come together, flock together, get together, convene, rally, rendezvous, muster, meet, amass, crowd, cluster, throng, group; *informal* foregather.

►**ANTONYMS** disperse.

**congregation** noun 1 *he broke the news to the congregation in the church newsletter:* parishioners, parish, churchgoers, flock, fold, faithful, following, followers, adherents, believers, loyal members, fellowship, communicants, laity, brethren, brothers and sisters, souls.

2 *such congregations of birds may cause public harm:* a large congregation of protesters gathered; gathering, assembly, flock, swarm, bevy, herd, pack, group, body, crowd, mass, multitude, horde, host, mob; turnout, throng, company, rally, convocation, congress, council, conclave, synod, assemblage; *informal* get together, *historical* conventicle.

**congress** noun 1 *an international congress of mathematicians:* conference, convention, seminar, colloquium, symposium, consultation, forum, meeting, assembly, gathering, congregation, rally, convocation, summit, syndic, council, conclave; *historical* conventicle.

2 *elections for the new Congress were held on 8 November:* legislature,

legislative assembly, parliament, convocation, diet, council, senate, chamber, chamber of deputies, house, upper house, lower house, upper chamber, lower chamber, second chamber.

**congruence** noun *he took care that there should be congruence of meaning and sound in his music:* compatibility, consistency, conformity, match, balance, consonance, rapport, parallelism, congruity; consilience; agreement, concord, accord, consensus, unanimity, harmony, unison, unity, concert.

►**ANTONYMS** conflict.

**conical** adjective *a circular tower with a conical roof:* cone shaped, tapered, tapering, pointed, funnel-shaped; *informal* pointy; *technical* infundibular, turbinate, conoid.

**conjectural** adjective *comments on inner-city areas are likely to be more conjectural:* speculative, suppositional, theoretical, hypothetical, putative, academic, notional, abstract; postulated, based on guesswork, inferred, suspected, presumed, assumed, presupposed, tentative, unproven, untested, unfounded, groundless, unsubstantiated; *see* ideational, suppositions, suppositive, postulational.

►**ANTONYMS** established.

**conjecture** noun *we find his conjectures implausible [some of the information is merely conjecture]:* guess, speculation, surmise, fancy, notion, belief, suspicion, presumption, assumption, theory, hypothesis, postulation, supposition; inference, extrapolation, projection; approximation, estimate, rough calculation, rough idea; guesswork, guessing, surmising, imagining, theorizing; *informal* guesstimate, shot in the dark, *% Amer. informal* ballpark figure.

►**ANTONYMS** fact.

►**verb** *I conjectured that the game was about to end:* guess, speculate, surmise, infer, fancy, imagine, believe, think, suspect, presume, assume, hypothesize, take as a hypothesis, theorize, form/formulate a theory, suppose.

►**ANTONYMS** know.

**conjugal** adjective *the conjugal bond:* marital, matrimonial, nuptial, marriage, married, wedded, connubial, bridal; *see* spousal; *literary* hymenial, epithalamic.

**conjunction** noun *the conjunction of low inflation and low unemployment came as a very pleasant surprise:* co-occurrence, concurrence, coincidence, coexistence, simultaneity, simultaneousness, contemporaneity, contemporaneousness, concomitance, synchronicity, synchrony; combination, juxtaposition.

►**in conjunction** *he explained how they work in conjunction with the police to prevent crime in the area:* together, jointly, conjointly, in cooperation, cooperatively, in collaboration, in partnership, in combination, as one, in unison, in concert, concordantly, with one accord, in league, in alliance, in collusion, side by side, hand in hand, hand in glove, shoulder to shoulder, cheek by jowl; *informal* in cahoots.

►**ANTONYMS** separately.

**conjure** verb 1 *he conjured another cigarette out of the air:* make something appear, produce, materialize, magic, summon, generate, whip up.

2 *the picture that his words conjured up left her breathless:* bring to mind, call to mind, put one in mind of, call up, evoke, summon up, recall, recreate; echo, allude to, suggest; rouse (up), stir (up), raise up, awaken.

**conjuring** noun *a demonstration of conjuring:* magic, illusion, sleight of hand, legerdemain, dexterity, deception, hocus pocus, *informal* prestidigitation.

**conjurer** noun *the children were entertained by a local conjurer:* magician, illusionist; *Brit. member of the Magic Circle; formal* prestidigitator.

**connect** verb 1 *the electrodes were connected to a recording device:* attach, join, fasten, fix, affix, couple, link, bridge, wire, make fast, tie, tie up, bind, fetter, strap, rope, tether, truss, lash, hitch, moor, anchor, yoke, chain; stick, tape, adhere, glue, bond, cement, fuse, weld, solder, pin, peg, screw, bolt, rivet, batten, pinion, clamp, clip, hook (up); add, append, annex, subjoin; *technical* concatenate.

►**ANTONYMS** disconnect.

2 *there are lots of customs connected with Twelfth Night:* associate, link, couple; identify, equate, bracket, compare; think of something together with, think of something in connection with, relate to, mention in the same breath as, set side by side with; draw a parallel with.

►**ANTONYMS** dissociate.

**connection** noun 1 *he does not pursue the connection between commerce and art:* link, relationship, relation, relatedness, interrelation, interrelatedness, interconnection, interdependence, association, attachment, bond, tie, tie in, correspondence, parallel, analogy, bearing, relevance.

2 *there's a poor connection in the plug:* attachment, joint, fastening, coupling.

3 *a politician with all the right connections:* contact, friend, acquaintance, ally, colleague, associate, sponsor; relation, relative, kindred, kin, kinsman, kinswoman.

►**in connection with** *a man is being questioned in connection with the murder:* regarding, concerning, with reference to, referring to, with regard

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**2** his hand slammed against the door, holding it fast: secure, secured, fastened, tight, firmly fixed: stuck, jammed, immovable, unbudgeable, stiff, closed, shut, to.

►ANTONYMS loose.

**3** the dyes are boiled with yarn to produce a fast colour: indelible, lasting, permanent, stable.

►ANTONYMS temporary.

**4** they remained fast friends: loyal, devoted, faithful, firm, steadfast, staunch, true, boon, bosom, inseparable; constant, lasting, unchanging, unwavering, enduring, unwavering; informal as thick as thieves.

**5** a fast woman: promiscuous, licentious, dissolute, impure, unchaste, wanton, abandoned, of easy virtue; informal easy; N Amer informal roundheeled; N Indian informal shack; derogatory sluttish, whorish, tarty, sluggy; date loose; arach light.

►ANTONYMS chaste.

**6** the fast life she led in London: wild, dissipated, dissolute, debauched, intemperate, immoderate, louche, rakish, decadent, unrestrained, reckless, profligate, self indulgent, shameless, sinful, immoral, extravagant; informal swinging.

►ANTONYMS sedate.

**7** fast and furious the fun was fast and furious: frantic, wild, frenetic, hectic, fraught, feverish, fevered, mad, crazed, manic, hyperactive, energetic, intense, turbulent, tumultuous.

**8** make fast the craft is made fast to the shore: attach, fasten, secure, fix, affix, join, connect, couple, link, tie, tie up, bind, fetter, strap, rope, tether, truss, lash, hitch, moor, anchor, yoke, chain.

►adverb **1** she drove fast towards the gates: quickly, rapidly, swiftly, speedily, briskly, at speed, at full speed, at full tilt: energetically; hastily, with all haste, in haste, hurriedly, in a hurry, post haste, pell-mell; without delay, expeditiously, with dispatch, like a shot, like a flash, in a flash, in the blink of an eye, in a wink, in a trice, in no time (at all), on the double, at the speed of light, like an arrow from a bow; informal double quick, in double quick time, p.d.q. (pretty damn quick), nippily, like (greased) lightning, at warp speed, hell for leather, like mad, like crazy, like the wind, like a bomb, like nobody's business, like a scalded cat, like the deuce, a mile a minute, like a bat out of hell, at warp speed; Brit. informal like the clappers, at a rate of knots, like hilly o; N Amer informal hickety split; literary apace.

►ANTONYMS slowly.

**2** his wheels were stuck fast: securely, tightly, immovably, fixedly, firmly.

**3** Richard's fast asleep: deeply, sound, completely.

**4** she lived fast and dangerously: wildly, dissolutely, intemperately, immoderately, rakishly, recklessly, self indulgently, extravagantly.

### Word links fast

tachy- related prefix, as in tachycardia, tachygraphy

**fast<sup>2</sup>** verb the ministry instructed people to fast, pray, and read scripture: abstain from food, refrain from eating, deny oneself food, go without food, go hungry, eat nothing, starve oneself, go on hunger strike.

►ANTONYMS eat; indulge oneself.

►noun a five-day fast: period of fasting, period of abstinence; hunger strike; diet.

►ANTONYMS feast.

**fasten** verb **1** he fastened the door behind him: bolt, lock, secure, make secure, make fast, chain, seal.

►ANTONYMS unfasten, unlock.

**2** they fastened splints to his leg: attach, fix, affix, clip, pin, tack; stick, bond.

►ANTONYMS unfasten, remove.

**3** the belt was fastened with an enormous silver buckle: buckle, join, do up, connect, couple, close, unite, link; lace (up), knot; button (up); zip (up).

►ANTONYMS unfasten, open.

**4** he fastened his horse to a sapling on the bank of the river: tie, tie up, bind, tether, truss, fetter, lash, hitch, anchor, strap, rope.

►ANTONYMS unfasten, untie.

**5** the dress fastens at the front with ten small buttons: become closed, close, do up; button (up), zip (up).

►ANTONYMS unfasten, undo.

**6** his gaze fastened on me: focus, fix, be riveted, concentrate, zero in, zoom in, bring out to bear; direct at, aim at, point at.

**7** blame had been fastened on some unknown master: ascribe to, attribute to, assign to, chalk up to, impute to; lay on, pin on, lay at the door of.

**8** the critics fastened upon two sections of the report: single out, concentrate on, focus on, select, pick out, fix on, seize on.

**fastidious** adjective he was fastidious about personal hygiene: scrupulous, punctilious, painstaking, meticulous, assiduous, sedulous, perfectionist, fussy, finicky, dainty, over-particular; critical, overcritical, hypercritical, hard/difficult/impossible to please; pedantic, precise, exact, hair-splitting, exacting, demanding; informal pernickety, nit-picking, choosy, picky; N Amer informal persnickety; arach nice, overnice.

►ANTONYMS easy going; sloppy.

### Word toolkit fastidious

see finicky.

**fat** adjective **1** a fat man walked in: plump, stout, overweight, heavy, large, solid, chubby, portly, rotund, flabby, paunchy, pot bellied, beer bellied, dumpy, meaty, broad in the beam, of ample proportions, Falstaffian; buxom; obese, corpulent, blated, gross, gargantuan, elephantine; fleshy; informal tubby, roly poly, beefy, porky, blubbery, poddy, chunky, well padded, well covered, well upholstered; Brit. informal podgy, fussy; N Amer informal lard assed; Scottish literary sonsy; rare pursy, abdominal.

►ANTONYMS thin, skinny.

**2** fat bacon: fatty, greasy, oily, oleaginous, unctuous; formal pinguid, adipose, sebaceous.

►ANTONYMS lean.

**3** those fat books you're always reading: thick, big, chunky, substantial, extended, long.

►ANTONYMS thin.

**4** informal a fat salary: large, substantial, considerable, sizeable; generous, handsome, ample, excellent, good, competitive.

►ANTONYMS small.

**5** informal fat chance she had of influencing Guy: very little, not much, minimal, hardly any.

►ANTONYMS good.

►noun **1** whales insulate themselves with layers of fat: fatty tissue, fat cells, blubber, adipose tissue.

**2** he was tall and running to fat: fatness, plumpness, stoutness, heaviness, chubbiness, tubbiness, portliness, rotundity, podginess, blabbiness, bulk, excessive weight; obesity, corpulence, grossness; paunch, pot belly, beer belly, beer gut; informal slab, blubber, beef.

►ANTONYMS thinness.

**3** fried bread in sizzling fat: cooking oil, animal fat, vegetable fat, grease; lard, suet, butter, margarine.

### Word links fat

lipoid relating to fat

lipo- related prefix, as in liposuction, lipoprotein

**fatal** adjective **1** a fatal disease: deadly, lethal, mortal, causing death, death dealing, killing; final, terminal, incurable, untreatable, inoperable, malignant; tragic; literary deathly, arach baneful.

►ANTONYMS harmless; superficial.

**2** don't make that fatal mistake of assuming others think as you do: disastrous, devastating, ruinous, catastrophic, calamitous, cataclysmic, destructive, grievous, dire, crippling, crushing, injurious, harmful, costly; literary direful.

►ANTONYMS harmless; beneficial.

**fatalism** noun he experienced a sense of fatalism that kept his fear at bay: passive acceptance, resignation, acceptance, acceptance of the inevitable, stoicism; defeatism, pessimism, negativism, negative thinking, gloominess, doom and gloom, gloom, predetermined, predestination, necessitarianism, fate, fatedness.

**fatality** noun **1** there were hundreds of fatalities from radiation contamination: death, casualty, mortality, victim, loss, dead person; (fatalities) dead.

**2** the programme is a recipe for increased fatalities on our roads: fatal accident, tragedy, disaster, catastrophe, calamity.

**fate** noun **1** I was ready for whatever fate had in store for me: destiny, providence, God's will, nemesis, kismet, astral influence, the stars, what is written in the stars, one's lot in life; predestination, predetermined; chance, luck, serendipity, fortuity, fortune, hazard, Lady Luck, Dame Fortune; Hindu & Buddhist karma; arach dole, cup, heritage.

**2** I didn't want to put my fate in someone else's hands: future, destiny, outcome, issue, upshot, end, lot, due; arach doom, dole.

**3** the authorities warned that a similar fate would befall other convicted killers: death, demise, end, destruction, doom; ruin, downfall, undoing, finish, disaster, catastrophe, retribution, sentence.

**4** (the Fates) the Fates might decide that it was his time to die: the weird sisters; Roman Mythology; the Parcae; Greek Mythology; the Moirai; Scandinavian Mythology; the Norms.

**5** verb (be fated) his daughter was fated to face the same problem: be predestined, be preordained, be foreordained, be destined, be meant, be doomed, be foredoomed, be cursed, be damned; be sure, be certain, be bound, be guaranteed; be inevitable, be inescapable, be ineluctable.

**fateful** adjective **1** that fateful day when she met him: decisive, determining, critical, crucial, pivotal; momentous, important, of great importance, all important, key, significant, far reaching; historic, weighty, consequential, of great consequence, epoch making, portentous, apocalyptic; eternal earth shattering, world shattering, earth shaking, world shaking.

►ANTONYMS trivial, unimportant.

□ **make fast** *the craft is made fast to the shore: attach, fasten, secure, fix, affix, join, connect, couple, link, tie, tie up, bind, fetter, strap, rope, tether, truss, lash, hitch, moor, anchor, yoke, chain.*

oneself, pretty oneself, beautify oneself; informal titivate oneself, doll oneself up; Brit. informal tart oneself up, archaic plume oneself, trig oneself.

**tie** verb 1 *they tied Max to a chair*: bind, tie up, tether, hitch, strap, truss, fetter, rope, chain, make fast, moor, lash, attach, fasten, fix, secure, join, connect, link, couple.

►ANTONYMS untie.

2 *Renwick bent to tie his shoelace*: do up; knot, make a knot in, make a bow in, lace.

3 *women who do paid work at home feel themselves tied by childcare responsibilities*: restrict, restrain, limit, constrain, confine, cramp; hamper, hinder, impede, tie down, interfere with, slow, obstruct, block, handicap, hamstring, shackle, encumber, inhibit, check, curb, tie someone's hands, cramp someone's style; rare cumber, trammeL

4 *a pay deal tied to a productivity agreement*: link, couple, connect, relate, join, marry, wed; make conditional on, bind up with, bundle with.

5 *they tied for second place*: draw, be equal, be even, be level, be neck and neck.

► *tie someone down* they didn't marry because she was afraid of being tied down. See **tie** (sense 3 of the verb).

► *tie in* you haven't seen how all this ties in with their long-term aims: be consistent, tally, correlate, agree, be in agreement, accord, concur, coincide, conform, fit in, harmonize, be in tune, dovetail, correspond to, match, parallel, reflect, mirror; informal square. N. Amer inform jibe.

► *tie something in her husband is able to tie in his shifts with hers at the hospital*: fit in, harmonize, dovetail, match, mirror, make something consistent, make something correspond, make something tally, make something correlate, make something agree, make something accord, make something coincide, make something conform; informal square.

► *tie someone something up* 1 *Gabriel tied up his pony*: bind, tie, tether, hitch, strap, truss, fetter, rope, chain, make fast, moor, lash, attach, fasten, fix, secure, join, connect, link. ►ANTONYMS untie. 2 *do not tie your money up if you think you may need it quickly*: commit, make unavailable, invest long-term. 3 *he is tied up in meetings all morning*: occupy, engage, busy, keep busy, book, reserve, commit. 4 *they were anxious to tie up the contract*: finalize, conclude, bring to a conclusion, wind up, wrap up, complete, finish off, seal, set the seal on, settle, secure, clinch.

► noun 1 *a sleeveless jacket fastened at the back with ties*: lace, string, cord, ligature, wire, bond, fetter, link, fastening, fastener.

2 *he was wearing a collar and tie*: necktie, neckwear.

3 *it is important that we keep family ties strong*: bond, connection, link, liaison, attachment, association, kinship, affiliation, allegiance, friendship, cords, union, relationship, relatedness, interdependence.

4 *pets can be a tremendous tie*: restriction, curb, limitation, constraint, obligation, commitment, restraint, hindrance, check, obstruction, encumbrance, impediment, handicap.

5 *the race ended in a tie for first place*: draw, dead heat, deadlock, stalemate.

6 *Brit. Turkey's World Cup tie against Holland*: contest, fixture, match, game, event, trial, test, test match, meeting, bout, fight, prizefight, duel, quarter final, semi final, final; friendly, derby, local derby, play off, replay, rematch; Canadian & Scottish playdown; N. Amer split; archaic tourney.

**tie-in** noun *there's a tie-in to another case I'm working on*: connection, association, link, correlation, correspondence, parallel, tie-up, interrelation, relationship, relation, relatedness, interconnection, interdependence, analogy, similarity.

**tier** noun 1 *rising tiers of empty seats*: row, rank, bank, line, layer, level, plane, floor, storey, deck.

2 *the most senior tier of management*: grade, gradation, step, echelon, point on the scale, rung on the ladder; archaic degree.

**tie-up** noun *the Bombay-based firm is contemplating tie-ups with software houses abroad*: link, link up, association, relationship, liaison, deal, bargain, contract, (business) arrangement, covenant, accommodation, understanding, settlement, protocol, accord, entente, compact, bond, alliance, coalition, federation, axis; N. Amer trust.

**tiff** noun *informal she had had a tiff with Mr Carson*: quarrel, squabble, row, argument, fight, contretemps, disagreement, difference of opinion, dissension, falling out, dispute, disputation, contention, clash, altercation, shouting match, exchange, war of words; fussle, conflict, fratas, affray, wrangle, tangle; *Int. N. Amer. & Austral. donnybrook*; informal set-to, run in, shindig, shindy, stand up, spat, scrap, dust up; Brit. informal barney, slanging match, bunfight, ding dong, bust up, ruck; Scottish informal rammy; N. Amer informal rhubarb; archaic broil, miff; Scottish archaic threap, collieshangie; French archaic tracasserie(s).

**tight** adjective 1 *he took a tight grip on her arm*: firm, fast, secure, fixed, clenched, clinched.

►ANTONYMS relaxed, insecure.

2 *the rope was pulled tight*: taut, rigid, stiff, tense, stretched, strained, stressed.

►ANTONYMS slack.

3 *tight jeans*: tight fitting, close fitting, narrow, figure hugging, skintight, sheath like; informal sprayed on.

►ANTONYMS loose.

4 *a tight mass of fibres*: compact, compacted, compressed, dense, hard, unyielding, solid.

►ANTONYMS loose.

5 *rather a tight space*: small, tiny, narrow, compact, poky, limited, restricted, confined, cramped, constricted, uncomfortable, minimal, sparse, inadequate; rare strait, incommodeous.

►ANTONYMS generous, roomy.

6 *the joint will be perfectly tight against petrol leaks*: impervious, impenetrable, sealed, sound, hermetic, watertight, waterproof, airtight.

►ANTONYMS leaking.

7 *security was tight at yesterday's ceremony*: strict, rigorous, stringent, tough, rigid, firm, uncompromising, exacting, systematic, meticulous, painstaking, scrupulous.

►ANTONYMS lax.

8 *he's in a tight spot*: problematic, tricky, delicate, sensitive, controversial, awkward, prickly, thorny; difficult, knotty, tough, taxing, trying, troublesome, irksome, vexatious, bothersome, worrying, upsetting; informal sticky; Brit. informal dodgy.

►ANTONYMS problem free.

9 *there's no substitute for tight writing*: succinct, economic, pithy, crisp, straightforward, concise, condensed, well structured, laconic, terse, to the point, summary, short and sweet, in a few well-chosen words; rare compendious, epigrammatic, synoptic, aphoristic, gnomic.

►ANTONYMS verbose.

10 *it was a tight race*: close, even, evenly matched, well matched; hard fought, neck and neck.

►ANTONYMS open.

11 *money is a bit tight just now*: scarce, scanty, scant, skimpy, meagre, sparse; reduced, depleted, diminished, low, in short supply; limited; deficient, inadequate, insufficient.

►ANTONYMS plentiful, abundant.

12 *he's tight with his money*: mean, miserly, parsimonious, niggardly, close fisted, penny pinching, cheese paring, penurious, Scrooge like, ungenerous, illiberal, close; informal stingy, mingy, tight fisted; N. Amer informal cheap, vulgar slang tight arsed; archaic near.

►ANTONYMS generous.

13 *informal he came home tight from the pub*. See **drunk**.

**tighten** verb 1 *when the structure is flat, tighten up the fixing screws*:

secure, make fast, make more secure, screw up, give an extra turn to.

►ANTONYMS loosen.

2 *he tightened his grip on her arm*: strengthen, make stronger, reinforce, harden, consolidate.

►ANTONYMS loosen.

3 *she tightened the rope about his ankles*: taunt, make/draw taut, make draw tight, stretch, strain, extend, make rigid, rigidify, stiffen, tense.

►ANTONYMS slacken.

4 *my throat tightened / he tightened his lips*: narrow, become narrow/narrower, become tight/tighter, become pinched; constrict, contract, brace, draw in, compress, screw up, pucker, purse; N. Amer squinch; rare constringe.

►ANTONYMS relax.

5 *councillors have asked supermarkets to tighten up car park security*: increase, make stricter, make more rigorous, make more stringent, make more rigid, stiffen, toughen (up), heighten, escalate, scale up; informal up, crank up, beef (up).

►ANTONYMS relax.

► *tighten one's belt* why dip into our savings, if we can tighten our belts instead? economize, cut back, make cutbacks, make cuts, retrench, husband one's resources, budget, be (more) economical, make economies, be thrifty, be sparing, be frugal, buy (more) cheaply, use less, reduce/decrease wastage, scrimp, scrimp and save, scrimp and scrape, cut corners, draw in one's horns, count the/your pennies, watch the/your pennies, save (money), cut expenditure, cut costs; N. Amer pinch the/your pennies; black English rake and scrape.

**tight-fisted** adjective *being tight-fisted individuals, we bypassed the fee-paying nature trail*: mean, miserly, parsimonious, niggardly, close fisted, penny pinching, cheese paring, penurious, Scrooge like, ungenerous, illiberal, close; informal stingy, mingy, tight; N. Amer informal cheap, vulgar slang tight arsed; archaic near.

►ANTONYMS generous, liberal.

**tight-lipped** adjective *the company remains tight-lipped about the launch date*: reticent, taciturn, uncommunicative, unforthcoming, unresponsive, close-mouthed, close-lipped; silent, quiet, unspeaking; guarded, secretive, private, withdrawn, playing one's cards close to one's chest, of few words, untalkative; informal mum.

►ANTONYMS forthcoming, chatty.

**till**¹ preposition & conjunction 1 *he stayed in bed till 7 / I will look after you till you die*: until, up to, up till, up until, as late as, up to the time of/that, until such time as, pending; N. Amer through.

►ANTONYMS beyond, after.

2 *ownership is not transferred till delivery*: before, prior to, previous to, up to, until, up until, up till, earlier than, in advance of, ante-, pre-.

►ANTONYMS after.

**tie** **verb** **1** *they tied Max to a chair:* bind, tie up, tether, hitch, strap, truss, fetter, rope, chain, make fast, moor, lash, attach, fasten, fix, secure, join, connect, link, couple.